



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463; Title 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below (unless otherwise listed):

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Surgery -----	November 16, 2016	Residence Inn Arlington Pentagon City
Infectious Diseases-B -----	November 17, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Oncology-A/D -----	November 17, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Hematology -----	November 18, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Oncology-C -----	November 18, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	November 21, 2016	*VA Central Office
Oncology-E -----	November 21, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Oncology-B -----	November 28, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Infectious Diseases-A -----	November 29, 2016	*VA Central Office
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-A -----	November 29, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Nephrology -----	November 29, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Epidemiology -----	November 30, 2016	*VA Central Office
Immunology-A -----	November 30, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-B -----	November 30, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National

Cardiovascular Studies-A --	December 1, 2016	Airport Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Endocrinology-B -----	December 1, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Neurobiology-C -----	December 1, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Pulmonary Medicine -----	December 1, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Neurobiology-A -----	December 2, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Neurobiology-E -----	December 2, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Special Emphasis on Genomics -----	December 2, 2016	*VA Central Office
Endocrinology-A -----	December 5, 2016	Hyatt Regency Washington
Neurobiology-B -----	December 6, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Neurobiology-F -----	December 6, 2016	*VA Central Office
Cardiovascular Studies-B ---	December 8, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Gastroenterology -----	December 8, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Neurobiology-D -----	December 9, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Neurobiology-R -----	December 9, 2016	*VA Central Office
Gulf War Research -----	December 9, 2016	*VA Central Office
Jt BL/CS SMRB -----	January 26, 2017	*VA Central Office
Eligibility -----	January 27, 2017	Hyatt Regency Washington

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

VA Central Office, 1100 First Street, NE, Suite 600, Washington, DC.

*Teleconference

The purpose of the subcommittees is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit

review evaluation. Proposals submitted for review include diverse medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

These subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals, which involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Holly Krull, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 632-8522 or email at holly.krull@va.gov.

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